

## City's New Public Works Director Begins Job Here

The City of Sheboygan has a new director of its biggest department — public works — and he apparently started work at a very opportune time.

Robert C. F. Kuhlmann, 41, a native of Sheboygan and a design and project engineer with the State Highway District Office at Green Bay for the past 16 years, was confirmed by the Common Council Monday night for a five-year appointment as public works director.

He'll start at \$13,873 annually in the post vacant since Fred W. Wedemeyer's retirement 2½ years ago, and among his duties will be the tackling of the problems that have plagued the operation of the city's five-year-old, \$1.2-million municipal incinerator.

Kuhlmann, who holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University, put in a full day's work here Monday, familiarizing himself with his new duties even though the council didn't officially act on his appointment until Monday night.

And what happened Monday? A 25 by 7½ foot section of the ceiling of one of the municipal incinerator's two furnaces collapsed.

Municipal Services Director Ray Ottensmann — the new public works director's immediate superior — told The Press that a Milwaukee firm, Plibrico — began work this morning replacing the refractory block ceiling with a cast ceiling.

The repair job, estimated at \$3,500, will hopefully be finished by Thursday, Ottensmann said.

Until then the remaining furnace — which has a rated burn capacity of 124 tons daily — is being operated around the clock in an effort to keep up with the peak refuse loads of this time of the year.

"We're continuing our city refuse pick-ups on schedule, but we are not accepting the private haulers," Ottensmann reported.

He explained that the emer-



NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, Robert C. F. Kuhlmann (seated), started work on Monday. A Sheboygan native and former city planner, he posed here with Municipal Services Director Ray Ottensmann, his new boss. — (Sheboygan Press Photo)

gency occurred, apparently, when the hangers holding the ceiling refractory blocks in place broke loose from the incinerator's beams.

Ottensmann — who has handled the duties of public works director in addition to his own as municipal services director for the past 30 months — was, needless to say, quite happy to have

Kuhlmann report for work Monday.

Kuhlmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Kuhlmann, 912 S. 14th St., plans to move his wife, the former Christine Jondhus of Sheboygan County, and daughter Karen, 7, to Sheboygan as soon as he can find suitable housing and dispose of his home in Green Bay.

## Jung Offers Downtown Real Estate Holdings To City For \$313,600

A longtime Sheboygan businessman has formally offered to sell all his firm's downtown real estate holdings at \$250,000 less than their total assessed valuation.

In a letter to the Common Council Monday, Atty. Arthur Olsen, counsel for Jung Realty Co., listed the firm's properties offered by its president, Wesley W. Jung, to the city at a public meeting some weeks ago.

Jung said the eight properties — three store buildings, a laundry and dry cleaning plant, three homes and an extensive parking lot — could be purchased by the city for their total assessed valuation of \$563,600, minus a quarter of a million dollars — leaving a price tag of \$313,600.

The offer was referred to the city's Redevelopment Authority where efforts to revitalize the downtown area through a federally assisted urban renewal program are concentrated.

The properties and their assessed valuations:

Jung's Department Store (formerly Hill's) at 726 N. 8th St., \$253,000;

The former Alfred Jung Store was occupied by Nitz's Stereo—Hi-Fi Center at 720 N. 8th St., \$49,100;

Piggly Wiggly Grocery and Edward's Restaurant, 813 Wisconsin Ave., \$125,800;

The former Wolf's Laundry and Dry Cleaning plant, 814 New York Ave., \$56,400;

The parking lot at 9th and New York, \$31,600;

A two-story frame house at 718 N. 9th St., \$6,100, and

Two houses at 9th and Center Avenue, \$41,000.

The properties, based on this year's tax rate of \$54 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, brought in some \$30,500 in city real estate taxes.

Included in the sale, Atty. Olsen added, will be the Jung Realty Co.'s interests in existing leases, contracts and going businesses, "subject to the interests of any third parties in any existing leases and contracts."

Excluded, he wrote, would be personal property, merchandise, inventory, equipment or property not a part of the real estate being offered.

City Planning Director Frank Paquette said today that some of the properties offered would be "quite useful" in the city's downtown renewal plans.

"Several are fairly strategically located and would lend themselves well to downtown renewal," he noted.

## City Native On FBI's '10 Most Wanted' List

One of the 10 most wanted fugitives on the FBI's list is a Sheboygan native, Benjamin Hoskins Paddock, according to a "wanted" circular put out by the federal agency.

Paddock, who escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution at LaTuna, Tex., Dec. 31, 1968, was serving a 20-year sentence for robbing a Phoenix, Ariz., bank in 1960.

Although Sheboygan police said they have no reason to suspect that Paddock would have returned to this area, Captain of Detectives Victor O. Keitel said the fugitive's picture has been posted at City Hall.

According to the FBI circular, Paddock, 43, is six-foot-four and weighs 245, has gray or green eyes, a large build and medium complexion.

He is blond and balding, but his head may be completely shaved. He may wear glasses or contact lenses and is an avid bridge player according to published FBI descriptions.

He has been employed as a salesman, service station operator, promoter, electrician and automobile mechanic. His hobbies are stock car racing and operating a ham radio.

Paddock, described as a glib, arrogant, smooth-talking "confidence man," reportedly smokes cigars and cigarettes, likes steaks, desserts, gambling, television, baseball and softball.

The FBI said he has "suicidal tendencies" and is considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Any information concerning him should be reported to the nearest FBI office.

## Injured Man Still Serious

A Sheboygan man was reported improved but still in serious condition today with injuries in an accident Saturday night.

Michael J. Hicks, 24, of 2307 Main Ave., remained in a "semi-conscious" state, according to authorities at St. Nicholas Hospital where he is being treated for a fractured shoulder and internal injuries.

Hicks was driving a 1970 Dodge Swinger, a sports coupe, which authorities described as a total wreck. The car was valued at \$3,000.

Sheriff's deputies said Hicks was traveling on Highway 141, about one-half mile east of Cedar Grove, when his car went out of control and hit a tree, about 8:40 p.m.

Hicks was charged with driving too fast for conditions. Tibet is an autonomous region within Communist China. Although self-governing, Tibet remains under the strict control of Communist China.

## Youths Admit Truck Theft

Charge in the theft of a city fireman's pickup truck, two young Sheboygan men pleaded guilty in County Court Branch 2 Monday.

Pre-sentence investigations were ordered for Jose Falcon, 19, of 909 N. 10th St., charged with being a party to the crime of operating an auto without the owner's consent, and for Manuel Ybanez, 20, some address, charged with operating an auto without the owner's consent.

They are to be sentenced June 12 at 9 a.m.

Ybanez was charged with stealing a fireman's pickup truck from behind the Central Fire Station in Sheboygan about 3 a.m. Friday, while Falcon stood guard.

Sheriff's deputies located the truck, owned by Clifford Daehn, 1614 Georgia Ave., about three hours later at Lowry's Trailer Camp on Highway 23, Sheboygan Falls.

Both youths also were found guilty of loitering at Gibby's Tavern, 836 St. Clair Ave., for which they were each fined \$20. Additionally charged with loitering at the Tic Toc Club, 1123 N. 8th St., the men entered no plea to that charge which is to be set for trial.

## Probation—No Jail Term—For Car Thief

An 18-year-old Sheboygan youth, placed on two years probation Monday for operating an auto without the owner's consent, was not sentenced to 30 days in jail as reported in a Press article.

Enrique S. Rodriguez, of 1216-A N. 18th St., was given the probation for allegedly stealing an auto owned by Arland Walford, R. 3, Sheboygan.

## 23 Traffic Violators Fined

Twenty-three motorists charged by Sheboygan police with traffic violations have stipulated guilt and paid fines at police headquarters in recent days.

They are: Gustave F. Werthmann, R. 1, Sheboygan, failure to yield, \$30; Horst A. Ahnert, 3707 Erie Ave., speeding, \$35; Virginia M. Anderson, 2636 N. 5th St., speeding, \$35; Robert L. Mullins, 1118 S. 8th St., failure to yield, \$30; Walter W. Senkbeil, 1331 S. 8th St., speeding, \$30.

## Vandals Damage Four More Cars

Additional incidents of vandalism occurring early Sunday and reported to Sheboygan police Monday included damage to four more cars.

Damage to three other cars and a truck was reported earlier.

The latest reports were the left door window smashed in a car owned by Carita J. Brenner of 514 Huron Ave., \$75 damage; windshield broken on a car owned by Henry Rake of 2220 N. 7th St., \$125 damage; left front window on a car owned by Leo Dault Jr. of 1325-A N. 11th St., \$50 damage, and the windshield broken on a car owned by Walter Graumann Jr. of 427 Bell Ave., \$100 damage.

**Exposition Opens**  
LONDON (UPI)—An inventors' exposition opened Monday with exhibits that ranged from an automatic baby carriage rocker to a rain alarm for clotheslines.

The exhibition, Limpex '70, was put on to give inventors a chance to display their wares for potential manufacturers.

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## City Offered 2 New Sites For Senior Citizen Center

Two more prospective sites of the YMCA, told the aldermen for a senior citizens drop-in center were offered to the Sheboygan Common Council Monday night in the wake of the council's May 18 rejection of the abandoned Bank of Sheboygan building.

Suggested were:

• A 50 by 50 foot room, snack bar, rest room and cloakroom facilities at the Sheboygan County YMCA, 812 Broughton Dr., on a rental basis;

• The Sheboygan Church of Christ building at N. 26th Street and Kohler Memorial Drive, a 32 by 60 foot structure priced at \$8,000, which could be moved to a more central location, and

At the same time, a recommendation from Ethan Berg, 1223 Trimberger Ct., proposed that the city set up a new committee to conduct the search for facilities suitable for joint use by senior citizens and young people.

All were sent to the Mayor's Committee on Aging where two other suggestions of sites were offered two weeks ago: the former Sentry Food Store, S. 14th Street and Virginia Avenue, and some senior citizens' activities could be held there.

He said the city or other groups would have to provide whatever work and

in a letter that the "Y" facility could be used by the city rent-free for the summer months and this could be extended for the remainder of 1970 "if it seems suitable."

"This trial period would give the city and the senior citizens a chance to experiment with the project without any large outlay of money and thus determine if it is really what kind of facility is needed," DeMaster wrote.

The proposed quarters — the LaMarque Young Adult Center — have an entrance separate from the rest of the YMCA, he noted, and would be available every day except Sunday and upon scheduling.

"This facility is still used extensively by the youth of the community at night, but it isn't used during the daytime," DeMaster told The Press today.

He pointed out that the YMCA is a youth-oriented organization and that the proposed senior citizens drop-in center site would continue to be used by the young people at night, but that charge of attempted petty theft.

He said the city or other groups would have to provide whatever work and

might be needed, but that very little work would be required to make it usable — within a week or two.

At the conclusion of the trial period, he said, the drop-in center could be continued on a "mutually satisfactory rental" basis at the YMCA, city and senior citizens wish.

Berg suggested in a letter to the council that three aldermen, three senior citizens and three teen-agers work toward a joint facility for use by both age groups.

This, he said, would be cheap or to purchase and operate.

## Man, 23, Denies 'Gas' Theft Count

Bail was set at \$200 for a Sheboygan man charged with attempting to steal gasoline from a parked car.

Matthew A. Baranski, 23, of 1326 Superior Ave., was remanded to sheriff's custody after pleading not guilty to a charge of attempted petty theft. Baranski is charged with attempting to steal gas from a station wagon owned by Francis Schommer, 805 Indiana Ave., while the vehicle was parked in the 3100 block of S. 12th St.

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